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) Group Art Unit: 3308

) Examiner: Milano, M.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 4, 1997.

The Applicants' previously elected the claims of Group I, Species I in response to the previous restriction requirement. The Examiner has now required one election to be made from each of from the following sub-species:

- Sub-species A: i) Claim 17 to a tapered tube
ii) Claim 18 to a branched tube

- Sub-species B i) Claims 20, 50, 56, 62 and 68 to securement by sutures
ii) Claims 21, 51, 57, 63 and 69 to securement by a stent

The Applicants' elect the claims of Sub-species A (i), Claim 17, and Sub-species B (i), Claims 20, 50, 56, 62 and 68 for prosecution at this time. Applicants intend to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims in the immediate future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 4, 1997, we enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement/Election of Species (1 page)

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